



## Illinois Department of Natural Resources

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Gene Walsh  
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**RE: Peoria City/County Landfill -Expansion**  
**Project Number(s): 1509821 [P-2014-1499]**  
**County: Peoria**

Dear Mr. Walsh:

The Illinois Department of Natural Resources has reviewed the above-mentioned project involving expansion of the Peoria City/County Landfill on 78.2 acres. The site is comprised of upland and bottomland forest communities which are reestablishing over abandoned surface and sub-surface coal mine grounds.

The project is within range of the state and federally-endangered Indiana bat (*Myotis sodalis*) and northern long-eared bat (*Myotis septentrionalis*), which is proposed for both state and federal listing as early as April, 2015. The Department recommends no tree clearing from April 1<sup>st</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup> to mitigate potential impacts to these species.

Given this recommendation is adopted, the Department has no objections to the issuance of a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers permit. Please notify the Department if the Peoria City/County Landfill will accept these recommendations.

Please note that this review does not preclude permit decisions made by the IDNR Office of Water Resources under the Illinois Rivers, Lakes, and Streams Act.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding this review.

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